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SECRETARY TILLERSON: Well, Minister Kono, first let me thank Japan for using its opportunity as chair of the Security Council this month to bring attention to this very serious issue of North Korea's nuclear weapons development program. Appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to the opportunity for members of the Security Council to express their views. And I too welcome the attendance of the representative of North Korea so that we have the opportunity to speak directly to their representative as well.

So thank you, again, for electing to host this event during your time as chair. Thank you.

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